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RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed July 10, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 2 with the following rewritten paragraph:

B1 --Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to a surgical endoscopic cutting device.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 6 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Background of the Invention

B2 Surgical cutting devices are generally known and used for the removal of hard and/or soft tissue, such as in the vicinity of the knee joint. Such cutting devices are used in, for example, a joint cavity, where they can be guided endoscopically by separately inserting a viewing device having a light source and an observation portion. Such operations are successfully used in organs and joints lying not too deep underneath the skin.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 12 with the following rewritten paragraph:

B3 --When operations are being carried out on organs lying deeper, other techniques are currently used. If, for example, tissue has to be removed from the uterus, prostate, or urinary

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